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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/775,756	CARNALL ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Troy Chambers	3641	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amndt. filed 06/30/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 June 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                     | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Clifford Kraft on 07/11/05.

Claim 1 should be amended to read as follows:

1. (currently amended): A mechanism for a gas operated gun having a housing and a trigger, the mechanism comprising a bolt guide fixed relative hollow bolt slideably receiving a to the gun housing, the bolt being adapted to move to a forward position on the bolt gun is pulled and to a rear position on the bolt guide when the trigger is released, the bolt having at least one radial bore at a position such that said bore is occluded guide when the trigger of the by the in the bolt guide in the rear position of the bolt but not forward position of the bolt and a cylinder surrounding the bolt, the cylinder having a radial port communicating with a source of gas under pressure, characterized in that in the forward position of the bolt said port is occluded by the bolt to isolate the cylinder from said source such that only compressed gas stored in the cylinder is allowed to escape through said bore.

2. The above claim was amended to replace "whe4n" with "when".

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a hollow bolt having at least one radial bore and being slideably receiving a bolt guide, the bore being occluded by the bolt guide in a rear position of the bolt. For example, US 5769066 discloses a mechanism for a gas operated gun comprising a hollow bolt 20 adapted to move to a forward and rearward position (Figs. 22-24), a bolt guide 16, the bolt 20 having a plurality of radial bores 26 at a position such that said bores 26 is occluded by the bolt guide 16 (Figs. 22 and 24) in the rear position of the bolt but not in the forward position (Fig. 23) and a cylinder 108 surrounding the bolt 20, the cylinder having a radial port 104 communicating with a source of gas under pressure.

However, the bolt 20 does not slidably receive the bolt guide 16 nor does the bolt when in the forward position occlude the radial port 104.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is 571-272-6874. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. - 5 p.m..


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone can be reached on 703-308-5870. The fax phone

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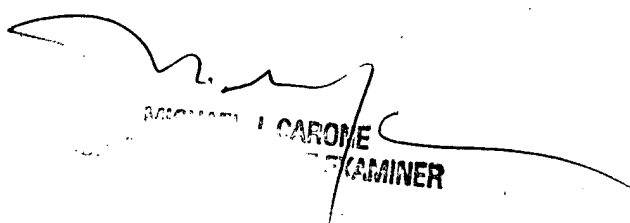
number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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